



**GWF POWER SYSTEMS**

April 25, 2001

Mr. Steve Larson  
Executive Director  
California Energy Commission  
1516 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Hanford Energy Park Peaker

Dear Mr. Larson:

GWF Power Systems Company, Inc. (GWF) submits an Amended Filing to its Application to construct the Hanford Energy Park Peaker (HEPP), a 95-megawatt natural gas-fired simple cycle power plant. The original Application was submitted on April 6, 2001, under the CEC's 21-day Emergency Power Plant Permitting process in order to bring power on-line before September 30, 2001. It described a project that would be constructed on a plot of land immediately west of the Hanford Energy Park Project (HEP) which was granted a Small Power Plant Exemption (SPPE) by the CEC on April 11, 2001. The original Application for the HEPP utilized the natural gas and electrical interconnection approved by the CEC in its grant of an SPPE for the HEP.

A hearing and site visit on the HEPP was held in Hanford on April 20, 2001. In the course of the HEPP licensing, GWF was informed by PG&E that its existing transmission facilities do not have sufficient capacity to allow for operation of both the HEPP and the HEP.

Consequently, GWF must choose between proceeding with the HEP, which has an on-line date of third quarter 2002, or the HEPP, which can be on-line in summer of 2001.

In order to ensure that needed power supplies can be brought on to meet California's need, GWF has elected to proceed with the HEPP project. This amended filing for the HEPP makes minor changes to the April 6, 2001 Application in that it now identifies a site layout originally designated for the HEP. The Amended Filing also requests that the natural gas and electric interconnections included as part of the HEP SPPE now be certified as part of the HEPP. The minor changes delineated in this resubmittal do not alter any of the insignificant environmental impacts associated with the HEPP as described in the April 6, 2001 Application and addressed in the April 20, 2001 public meeting.


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GWF understands that proceeding with the HEPP will require it is forebear now and in the future any further activities with respect to the HEP, absent a reopening of the SPPE process.

However, GWF does not intend, in electing to pursue the HEPP, to eliminate a major purpose of the HEP, namely the opportunity to provide thermal energy for future use at the Kings County Industrial Park. After initial operation of the HEPP, GWF will apply to the CEC to recertify the project as a combined cycle cogeneration project, supplying steam to the Kings County Industrial Park.

As Vice President of GWF Power Systems Company, Inc., I hereby attest under penalty of perjury that the contents of this Amended Filing are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2001



Doug Wheeler  
Vice President